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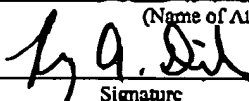
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. As explained in more detail in the accompanying Petition to Withdraw From Issue Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c), since this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile, copies of the listed documents, as well as a copy of a Japanese Office Action citing those documents, are being mailed under separate cover.

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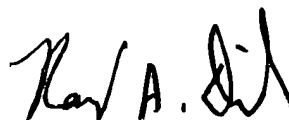
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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